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In re issuance application of:

SHEWMAKER et al.

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Regulated Transcription and
Expression of Heterologous Genes*

Group Art Unit: 1638

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended 3 months from December 27, 2001, to March 27, 2002, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$920.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16518.050. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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